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1. THIS INSTALLATION WAS FIRST REPORTED AS OF [REDACTED] THE  
SHADOW OF A TEST STAND UNDER CONSTRUCTION WAS VISIBLE AS WERE SEVERAL  
ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS IN THE TEST FACILITY AREA. THE CONTROL BUNKER  
AND ONE OTHER BUILDING WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE OPERATIONAL  
SUPPORT AREA. A POSSIBLE HEATING PLANT WAS VISIBLE AND TWO RAIL  
SPURS APPEARED TO BE COMPLETED.

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REANALYSIS OF [REDACTED] REVEALED THAT THE TEST FACILITY  
AREA WAS VISIBLE ON FAR OBLIQUE TRACKER PHOTOGRAPHY. THE TEST SITE  
ITSELF WAS NOT VISIBLE: BUT A ROAD EXTENDING NORTH FROM OMSK, PAST  
THE SITE, WAS BEING IMPROVED.

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REANALYSIS OF [REDACTED] REVEALED THAT THE EXCAVATION FOR  
TEST STAND 1, THE CHECKOUT AND ASSEMBLY BUILDING, AND TWELVE SUPPORT  
BUILDINGS WERE VISIBLE. TWO RAIL SPURS INTO THE SITE WERE UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION.

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2. NINETEEN SUBSEQUENT KH MISSIONS BETWEEN MAY 62 AND SEP 64 REVEALED  
THAT TEST STAND 1 AND ITS OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AREA APPEARED COMPLETE  
BY AUG 62 AND THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF TEST STAND 2 WAS BEGUN IN  
LATE 62.

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3. A BLAST SCAR OBSERVED IN THE VEGETATION AT TEST STAND 1 IN JUN 63, REVEALED THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY AT THIS SITE. FOUR SUBSEQUENT WINTER MISSIONS (ON WHICH THE GROUND WAS SNOW COVERED) IN EARLY 64, LATE 64, AND EARLY 65 HAVE REVEALED THE PRESENCE OF BLAST SCARS IN THE SNOW. AN ANALYSIS OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AND SNOWFALL DATA HAS REVEALED A CLOSE PROXIMITY BETWEEN THE TIME OF THE LAST PRIOR SNOWFALL AND THE OBSERVATION OF THE BLAST SCAR ON PHOTOGRAPHY FOR EACH COVERAGE. THIS EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT TEST STAND 1 IS ENGAGED IN A VERY ACTIVE TEST PROGRAM WHICH REQUIRES FREQUENT FIRINGS.
4. THIS MISSION REVEALS THAT CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES AT TEST STAND 2, AND IT IS NOW OBSERVED TO BE SERVED BY AN H-SHAPED APPROACH RAMP. THE CONTROL BUILDING AND A SMALLER SUPPORT BUILDING HAVE NOW BEEN ERECTED TO SERVE THIS STAND. TEN SMALL VERTICAL TANKS, IN A RECTANGULAR STRUCTURE, ARE LOCATED BEHIND TEST STAND 1, AND THE POSSIBLE COMPONENT TEST AND POSSIBLE FUEL STORAGE BUILDINGS CAN NOW BE IDENTIFIED. AT LEAST 20 RAIL CARS ARE VISIBLE WITHIN THE AREA, BUT NO GROUND HANDLING EQUIPMENT CAN BE IDENTIFIED. A BRIDGE ACROSS THE RAVINE WHICH RUNS THROUGH THE AREA IS IN AN EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION.

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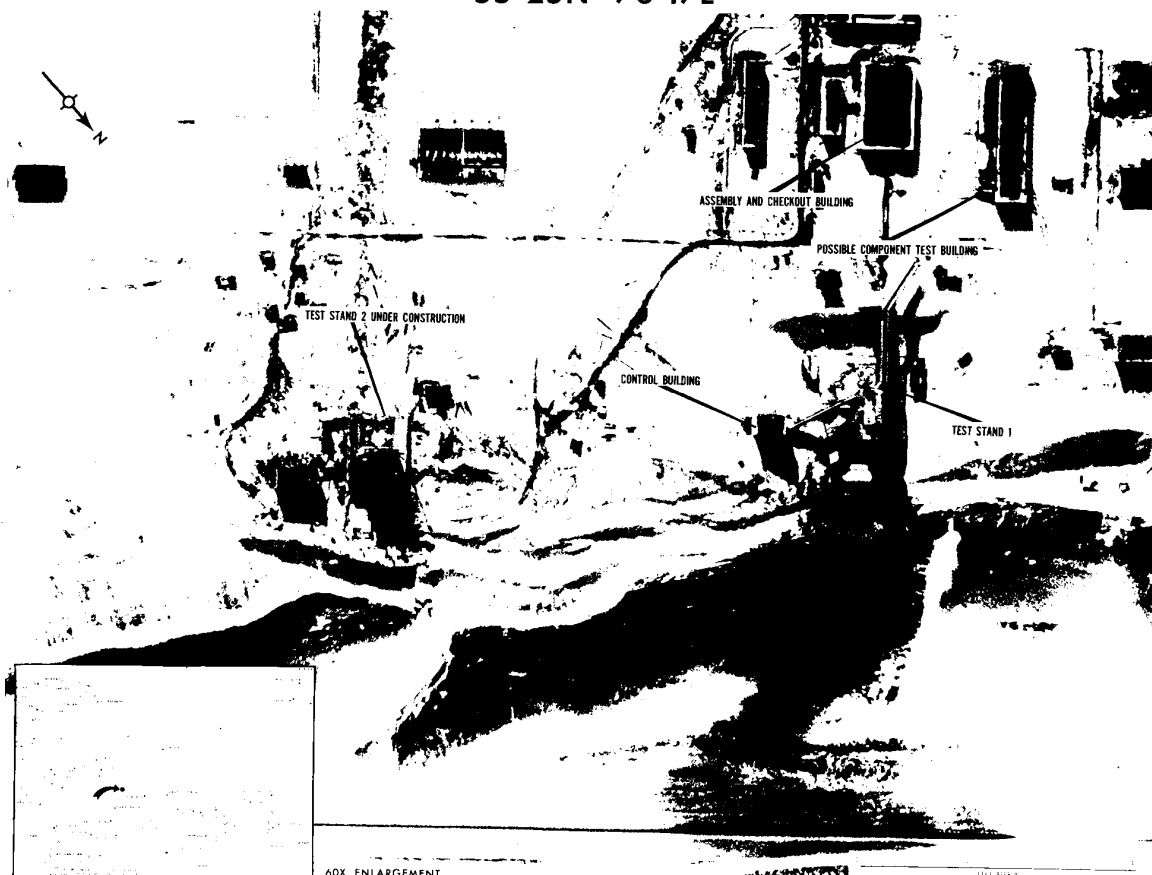
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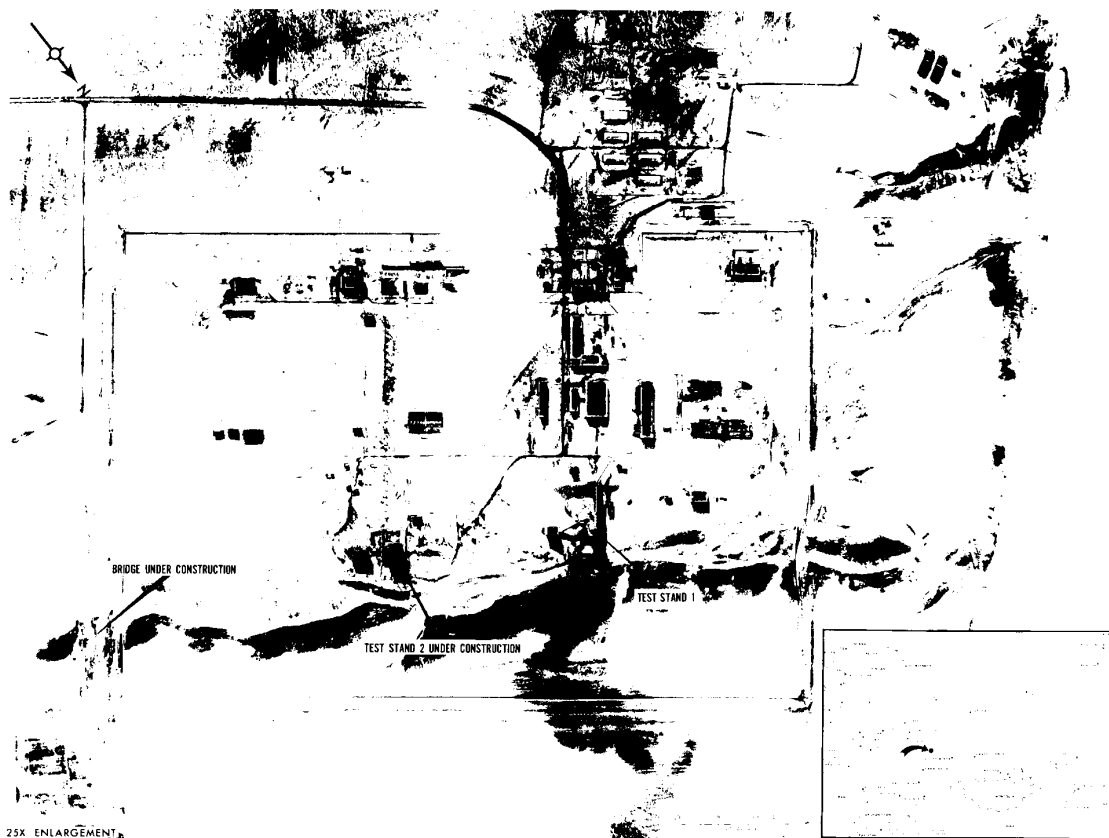
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